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**MEETING**

**WINTER**

at 8 p.m.  
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DAVID ROSS  
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would assist those who wish to practice under its aegis, and save it discredit, perhaps, through the minor devices.

However, these are minor details, and we think the general scope and aim of the Act will commend themselves to the public. And, after all, it is essentially in the interests of the public that these regulatory measures be passed, through the alldemocratic may affect to think it a hardship that a select body of skillful men, by impressing upon the public that it is capable of performing its duties, should destroy the prestige of men who are not skilful at all. The aim of the bill is not to make dentistry a "close" profession, nor even—at any rate by direct enactment—to prevent unqualified persons practicing. Of course, it is hoped that the unqualified man will be driven out of the field by the knowledge of the public that there is in existence an expert society which gives its *visite* to every properly qualified practitioner will rob the quack or the half-educated man of his usefulness. But, at the same time, there is nothing to back or hinder the man of education from acting as a dentist. Only he may not sell under false colours. He will not be allowed to call himself "dentist," or "dental practitioner," or "dental surgeon," or "dentist in explicit and plain language," or "dental practitioner." We were told in the Assembly the other evening a gruesome story of "dirty forces"—how an unlicensed practitioner in extracting a tooth had set up such a row with his patient. If such a thing happens as the consequence of the treatment of a practitioner who was licensed under the proposed Act, the board would at once call him to account; but it would not be likely to occur. The "cooperation" of men who would have too much at stake to run so great a risk, and herein lies the safety of the public. Suffering people could easily find out who was or who was not certificated, and direct their footsteps accordingly, and the people who are so doubtful that unqualified men would get round the Act by calling himself "Dentalist" or "Molarist," or designating himself

found men and women of all shades of religious belief and a few men of no belief. For instance, of the one class may be recalled the name of Mr. Stead, with his fanatical belief that some day he would either—takes possession of his own name and directs his work. Everybody knows that one of the strongest Judges in the country answers that over and over the bench in the law had a firm belief in some manifestations of the kind. This is what we mean by the expression "the backwash of spiritual activity." And that is what Sir William Crookes is suffering from. He has taken up something as a religion, and he has taken up spiritualism. He devotes to it all his energies which he can spare from the business of his life; and to him, as to the rest of the world, the extraordinary attractions of the spirit world are a religion. They draw him on—away from his work, away from regard for the ordinary laws of nature. He is far away from the earth and its problems. He can see the things that the senses and the songs of the angels. He can hear, not do, the divine symphony. He is a peer with the angels. He is above them. He can hear the voices of the great dead or the loved dead. That is what Spiritual Research means to man. Crookes. It is his hobby, his means of relaxation. Newton, the greatest man of his age in his own line, thought of his particular foible lay in the explanation of public events. The explanation is worthless, but he lives for ever. So Sir William Crookes thinks more of his telepathy, and his spiritualism, and his other forms of occultism; but after ages will agree with our own—recognizing in him not the unauthorised explorer of inaccessible realms, but the discoverer of new elements and the fair-minded seeker after truth. The mischief is that, as Crookes is a man of great gifts, and that their time in vain grows more and more unascertainable. To them it might be wise to remodel that sentence of

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still preferred to save themselves of the services of the unlicensed man, they would do so with their eyes open, and at their own risk. At the present time they often have to act in the dark because of the hopeless confusion that exists. Anyone can be a dentist now who has a brass plate, and if he have, as well, something else of brass so much the better, probably, for his success. The bill should remedy all this.

"Outside our scientific knowledge there exists a Force exercised by intelligence differing from the ordinary intelligence common to mortals." It was in these words that Sir William Crookes, president of the British Association, introduced his paper on his dabblings in spiritualism and mesmerism and occult matters of this kind. Probably nobody would care to deny this postulate. Its acceptance is only by some orthodox, under different titles; by others it is called agnosticism, and by others more prosaically, that it denotes atheism. Mr. Matthew Arnold called this Force "the eternal not ourselves which makes for righteousness." Our ancestors have called it *Ola* or *Thor*, and their conquerors have called the Force *Zeus* or *Jupiter*. Throughout the different nations and different centuries have given their own names to the Force, but all from the earliest ages have agreed that there is a Force exercised by intelligence differing from the ordinary intelligence common to mortals.

The truth is that Sir William Crookes means by this Force the power whereby some more or less unprincipled person is able to persuade the spectator that something which he is supposed to see is the property of his grandfather, or some other relative. It is indubitably true that there are persons who are filled with the curious desire to

our scientific knowledge, it is useless to try to comprehend it through talismans and visions and planchettes."

**LOVE IN LONDON.**—In his chronicle of "Life in London" "Theobald" writes of the love of Mr. Henry W. Luey writes of the late Queen of Denmark, the Danish Royal family, the pump for the new Victory of India, the visit of the German Emperor to the city, and the water famine in the east of London.

**THE FEDERAL RESOLUTIONS.**—The Premier had taken no action with regard to the failed session, which was agreed to by the Legislative Assembly on Thursday night. The subject of the course of next week, be submitted to the Legislative Council. Negotiations will not be opened up with other colonies on the question of intercolonial commerce have been laid with by the Legislative Council.

**HEALER OF MR. BARTON.** *C. M. L. A.*—The making inquiry yesterday it was learned from Dr. Newman that the case of Mr. Barton, that the hon. gentleman is making good progress. It has been found that the fracture of the arm is a simple one, but was complicated by the inflammation of the bone. The progress of the march is hopeful that Mr. Barton will be able to leave his bed about the end of next week. The cool change at the atmosphere yesterday was not acceptable to Mr. Barton, who is not in much pain now.

**MR. WISE.** *C. W.*—We learn that Mr. Wm. M. L. A. has been appointed a Queen's Counsel.

**REMARKS OF LACROIX.**—The case of *Napoleon Joseph Lacroix* of the *Princedom of Monaco*, his case-in-law, was again under the consideration of the Cabinet yesterday. The report of Mr. Justice Owen, who tried *Lacroix*, and also reports from medical experts, who had examined the case, were laid before the Cabinet. The Premier informed a " Herald " reporter that the case was surrounded with a great deal of difficulty. Ministers present were of the opinion that the question of whether or not they considered *Lacroix* was sane at the time the deed was committed, was a matter to be considered, however, to commit the defendant to one of the asylums.

The recommendation of the subject was to the Executive Council, which met during the afternoon, and which was presided over by Mr. Stokely.

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or the sound of a voice which is still. Upon them much dismal defeat has been made by soundrels. They have been cheated and swindled, and some of the meanest impostors have turned upon their heels to the door-land. And there are also persons of the Florence Maryat type who truly believe, and find comfort in believing, that they can hold converse with loved ones who have passed the bar. It can be easily imagined how near the world of dreams is this waking world of sorrows and alternate joys—how the grief-stricken mother finds her dead child again, and can press her to her heart, and can say and hear loving words. It is where the subjects are besieged by the mechanical devices of professionals that there lies the main danger of what passes as psychical research, or mesmerism, or spiritualism. Not so very long ago there were women burnt at the stake in England and in America, because they had, or said they had, or were said to have, certain particular spirits who were at their beck and call, and could give them information about matters of all sorts. Nowadays we do not burn our witches, we are too civilised for that. We are even too civilised to believe in them. But was—some of us go round and attend their seances. We believe in them as Saul did in the Witch of Endor. And now we are supported by the authority of Sir William Crookes, president of the Society for Psychical Research, the acknowledged chief of the most important of our scientific bodies. Thirty years have elapsed since Sir William—who, by the way, has earned his title since—started the scientific world by his extraordinary statements about the invisible world of spirits for medium and diverse unwashed and unwashable persons. He was not then president of the

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